

## **1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 Bulletin**

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. This is **Victor five one November Alpha Mike**, the official Amateur Radio Station of the Namibian Amateur Radio League, operated this morning from Windhoek by Werner, V51JP, to transmit Amateur Radio News to Radio Amateurs and all listeners on this frequency. This is a service by the Namibian Amateur Radio League, in the interest of all Radio Amateurs in Namibia. This Bulletin is broadcast on 7069 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band, at 08:00 local time, on the first Sunday of every Month. It will also be transmitted on 2Meters as well as 3720 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band and on Echo Link via V51RS-R. This bulletin is also printed in the monthly newsletter. Enquiries and comments relating to the Bulletin, or the NARL, may be made on the air after the Bulletin, or by writing to:

**Namibian Amateur Radio League, P O Box 1100, Windhoek, Namibia.**

The items in today's bulletin are:

- 1. Council News**
- 2. Repeater News**
- 3. Monthly meetings**
- 4. Members Input**
- 5. Local news**
- 6. International News**

### **1. Council News**

A new and improved website will soon be up for everyone to enjoy. Klaus V51KF is in the process of reworking the current website. We are looking forward to the new website.

### **2. Repeater News**

The 2m FM repeater has been acting up over the past week or two and an inspection trip is planned right after this bulletin.

Furthermore we will install the microwave link for the D-Star system for testing.

### **3. Monthly meetings**

No meeting was held this month

### **4. Members Input**

After a year without a newsletter somebody is looking at the position right now. Please hold thumbs that I can announce a positive result here in the next bulletin.

### **5. Local news**

OM Pieter V51PJ has reported that he has a 2 meter cw and a 6 meter cw beacon on the air in Rosh Pinah doing Trans-Equatorial Propagation (TEP) observations. He is waiting for special permission to do the same on 4 meter.

### **6. International News**

Approximately 1,700 South African amateur radio callsigns have been marked by ICASA as 'lapsed'. This is as a result of the substantial cleanup that ICASA undertook during the last year.

This is a significant number of lapsed callsigns and many Amateurs have sometimes unwittingly allowed their licences to lapse. You may well be affected. As an example there are 43 paid up members of the SARL who no longer have valid licences.

For more information, you are urged to visit [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) where you will find more information and what to do.

## **Conclusion**

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The next Bulletin will be presented Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The NARL depends on club newsletters, Radio Magazines and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. The only way to ensure that your contribution reaches the NARL is to send it via

email to the secretary of the NARL. Should you wish to comment on any of the items in the Bulletin, please feel free to do so after this service. This bulletin was compiled and read by Werner V51JP, as a service to all Radio Amateurs, Short Wave Listeners and Electronic Enthusiasts. Thank you for listening. This is Victor 51 November Alpha Mike, operated by V51JP, Continuing with the call in list.

**40M**

8H00: V51BP V51JF V51PJ V51GB V51RS

**80M**

8H00:

**2M**

8H00:

**ECHO-LINK**

8H00:

This is V51NAM handing the frequency back for normal use